

FEBRUARY 24, 1965.

Hon. L. B. JOHNSON,  
*President of the United States,*  
*Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I think you are doing a good job.

I realize that the State Department, the military, the CIA, and even the White House itself are colored more or less with the Dulles policy of overcommitment throughout the world. Even an able and conscientious man like you, and a really good politician besides, will have to have some time to clean the mess out.

Of course, being a small businessman in a country community, and having interests that coincide with the interests of nearly all the American people, I am for pulling the United States out of southeast Asia and using the money to start a new schoolhouse or student dormitory every day for the next year. I suggest this in defense of freedom.

Incidentally, I do not believe that the leaders of the Republican Party, nor any of the groups mentioned above are capable of making decisions in the public interest. I believe any decision that they influence would be by that much be slanted contrary to the public interest.

In a previous letter I told you I was born a Southern Democrat. The precinct in which I live and the one in which I have my office went for Johnson in a county that gave Goldwater 76 percent of the votes cast. Of this I am proud.

Yours very truly,

VIRGIL H. CONNER.